



About the Local Government Reimbursement Program

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The Local Governments Reimbursement Program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances.

The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions.

Eligible local governments may submit applications to EPA for reimbursement of up to \$25,000 per incident.

On February 18, 1998, EPA published a new LGR regulation that simplifies and streamlines the process for applicants.

EPA has designed the reimbursement process to be very straightforward. Local governments obtain and complete a simple LGR application form, that requires a local government to provide basic information about the incident, document its response costs by attaching copies of receipts, and certify that certain program requirements have been met.

An applicant may receive a reimbursement check from the federal government in as little as three months after EPA receives the application.

Local governments can take action today to help ensure that they are eligible to participate in the LGR program in the future.

EPA's LGR Program is just a telephone call away. If you have any questions about the LGR program and how it works, you can call the LGR HelpLine at 800-431-9209 or e-mail us at

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